

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mikr Callas Jr.

## Passing of a Great

Last Thursday the world of boxing lost Tony Canzoneri, former lightweight and featherweight champion, when the ex-boxer was found dead in his hotel room in New York at the age of 51.

Having witnessed several of his fights in the thirties when this reporter was first attracted to the ring game, and later when Tony teamed up with comedian Joey Adams in night club stints, I took the news rather hard for I was impressed with his mastery of a sport that has long since become an amusement of little note for TV viewers.

Canzoneri was an aggressive type of boxer, always boring in and setting up his opponent with a boxing skill that was over-shadowed by his magnificent punching ability. Few of these type fighters are around today, probably because their is too much butter on the table now as compared with the depression era of the thirties.

As with most fighters Tony tried to come back only to lose to Bummy Davis back in 1939. The only time in his career that the defeat came as a knock-out.

Whenever the sport of boxing loses someone of Canzoneri's stature it proves beyond doubt that what fans see today is but a poor imitation of what used to be.

## Salute to Harmon

Several die-hard Gillman supporters have accused ex-football star and broadcaster Tom Harmon of jumping all over the Rams now that they are down. We are referring to Tom's statement that the Rams are spoiled and "gutless" and therefore the losing season.

Harmon was too much of a gentleman to single out Sid for the failure of the team this year. Nevertheless it was clear that Tom felt the blame was with the head man. The man that is paid to keep his boys "up" for each game. If Gillman was just starting in this pro business I'd say it was excusable but when a coach is with a team for five years the responsibility of success and fitness of each player rests with him. Gillman should go and Harmon should be congratulated for his "guts" in blasting the team.

## Thank Goodness

Usually a cheap-skate when it comes to betting on horses I was relieved to hear that the forty nine members of the Thoroughbred Racing Association voted unanimously to retain the minimum wage of \$2.

A month ago racing fans learned that the track fathers were seriously considering upping the figure to five bucks. The reason for this measure was due to the increase cost of handling the \$2 bet.

Somehow this attempt to make more money from the poor, miserable, everyday bettor, was nipped. I guess because no one ever heard of a bona fide race track losing money no matter how much dough it cost to get your two bucks.

Please fellas, perish these thoughts forever, inflation isn't that bad — or is it?

## What's to Come?

Late last week the New York County Grand Jury indicted attorney Vincent J. Velvella on two counts of perjury in their investigation of the Johansson-Patterson fight.

It was the first time since the Grand Jury had been probing the details of the fight that something concrete had been released for publication.

We are told, by UPI reports coming from New York, that the investigation is concerned with the fight's promotion and not with the outcome of the bout.

It's been a long time since Johansson took Patterson's crown away from him and its been equally as long waiting for details of a return match between the two.

It might be safe to ascertain here that no announcement will be forthcoming until the New York Grand Jury "clears" the first fight. Whatever is to come should come quickly for I am anxious to know whether Johansson's victory was what is generally accepted as "lucky" in the fight game.

## Large Catches Reported Off Pier

Deep sea fishing is at its peak in Redondo Beach waters the past few weeks, according to a spokesman of Redondo pleasure fishing at the pier.

Large catches of yellowtail, bonito and barracuda were reported. A 19-pound halibut was hooked just off and adjacent to Red's Tackle and Bait Shop on the Redondo pier by one of the old timers.

## CLASSES DUE FOR A CANOE

Canoeing will be taught to Torrance-area youngsters in a course to be organized at 8 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Department, 1511 Cravens Ave., Tuesday.



AHOY, BOATING FANS—West's biggest boat show in history is coming to Great Western Exhibit Center, Los Angeles, Jan. 8-17. Pretty Sharon Girot (left) and Rose Ann Longo promise more boats, motors, accessories and services than ever before will be offered to satisfy the fantastic boating boom.

# PRESS Sports

## General Meeting Tuesday of National Little League

The officers of the Torrance National Little League have announced a general meeting of all parents of little league ball players and prospective little league ball players. The meeting will take place Thursday Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Torrance Elementary school according to public relations chairman, W. J. Nesenson.

## 10-Day Boat Show Starts January 8

Plans for the forthcoming 1969 season will be discussed, stated Nesenson. The spokesman for the group urged parents to attend to possibly "voice any objections you may have felt toward the league policies in the past and offer suggestions for improvement in 1969." Nesenson said that "we of the league wish to administer the play in accord with the desires of the parents."

The executive board of the league also is inviting written applications for prospective managers for the 1969 season. Applications will be accepted during the general meeting Tuesday. Comments regarding last year's managers are welcome and so are suggestions for '69 mentors.

The board will meet again after the general meeting for the purpose of naming managers for the coming baseball season.

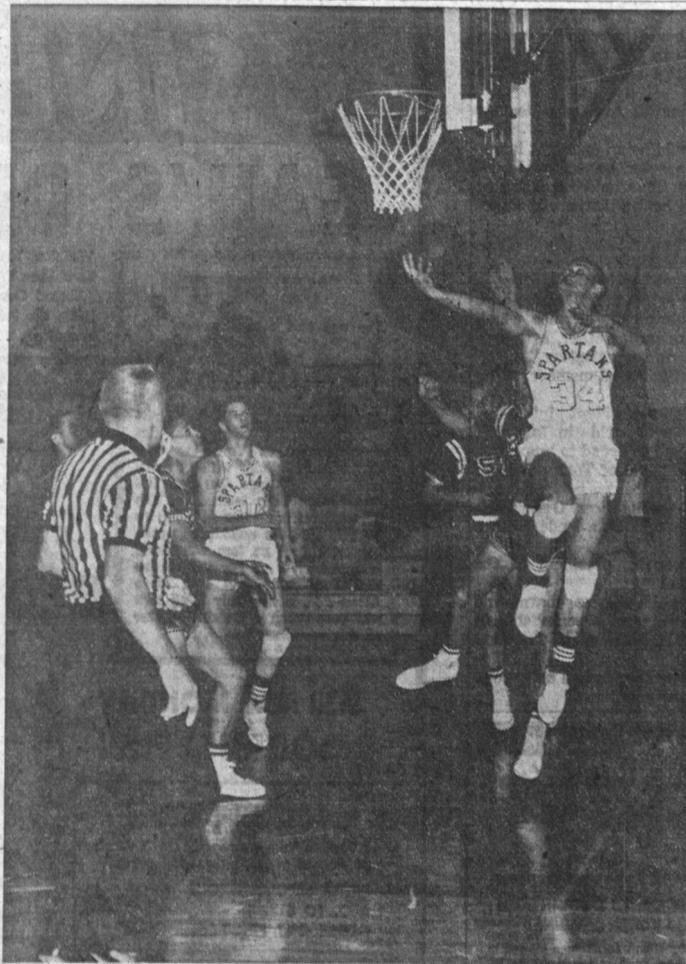
## Bowling News

Bowl-O-Drome's Wednesday night Mixed Five rolling into the 14th week of their winter league season with Baer's Draperies heading the "A" Division, two games over second spot holder Chandler's Sand and Gravel.

Rossman Lumber rides in third, nine back of the league leaders, followed by Rancher's Corner and X-Ello Shade Co. R. Barton, going the route for the Rancher's mob, tossed together a nifty 604 & 57-601 set to ride in the top slot for the men's individual season series honors as teammate C. Montgomery racked up an impressive 601 & 57-658 for the female high. Freddie's Cafe representative G. Edwards uncorbed the men's season game high, connecting for a whopping 267 & 2-269; while C. Taylor, Balls-O-Fire member, put forth the top effort for the gals, coming up with a blistering 241 & 34-275 pitch.

Builders Supply share the top slot in Wednesday night's mixed five in the "B" division. Hamatures trail the leaders by only

# UNDERDOG TARTARS DEFEATS MIRA COSTA



FLYING HIGH is Spartan guard Cliff Roy (34) to sink one in during the close battle last Thursday that saw the South High five edge Redondo 45-44. Press Photo by Art Willey

By JOHN WHITACRE  
Scholastic Press Reporter

Torrance High's underdog Tartars upset highly touted Mira Costa Friday night 60-55, before a capacity crowd at the Tartar gym.

THIS' upset minded squad jumped off to a 20-5 first quarter lead to shock the spectators who attended the wild affair. Coach Will Boerger crew that scored 16 more to take a 36-21 half-time lead.

Then Torrance coasted through the second half playing mainly defensive ball and knocking the basket when opportunity came.

Four Tartars scored in double figures, Junior forwards Bob Weister and Bill Roberts had 16 and 14 respectively. Lynn Keller scored 11 and commanded the boards throughout the game. THIS' ace senior guard Bill Reinert swished 17 diggets through the net, 14 of which came in the first half.

Coach Boerger was well pleased with the Tartars best output of the season thus far, and commented to Dean Sempert Mira Costa mentor after the game "The reason our boys were so high for this game was the Bill Reinert (the second highest scorer in the Pacific Shores Tournament) was left off the all tourney team. Sempert was one of the officials who picked the star studied team.

Next Wednesday the Tartars travel to Beverly Hills to compete in the Normans 14th annual basketball tournament.

Box Score

Torrance	Mira Costa
Weister (16)	F (11) Moeller
Roberts (14)	F (17) DeLoeff
Keller (11)	C (0) Witt
Taylor (10)	G (5) Tomblin
Reinert (17)	G (6) Gonsenman
Torrance	20 16 12 12=60
Mira Costa	5 16 14 20=55

Scoring Subs

Torrance	Mira Costa
Richerson (2)	(8) Swartz
	(8) Murphy

## Harbor Meet Tomorrow

The Small Craft Harbors Commission will meet at the Hacienda Hotel, San Pedro, tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Former Ram on Pro-Bowl Staff

Coach Buck Shaw of the East All-Stars has selected his Philadelphia assistant and former Ram star, Jerry Williams, as his number one aide in the 10th Pro-Bowl Game Jan. 17, Los Angeles Coliseum.

Shaw also named his Eagle Line coach, Nick Skorich, to fill out his staff.

West coach Red Hickey picked Mark Duncan, 49'er defensive coach, as his number one assistant and said he would select his third coach in a few days.

Game Director Paul J. Schissler reports the rival squads will be announced this coming week — the East on Tuesday and the West on Wednesday.

The 12 NFL coaches and Los

Angeles sports writers will pick 32 players for each squad, making them the elite corps of football, for each man will be selected on ability alone.

Each coach will then name a bonus player of his own choosing. That means 66 of the great-

est football stars will play for charity Jan. 17 in the climax of the pro season.

Schissler announces over the counter sale of tickets begins Tuesday (Dec. 15) at Southern California Music Co., 737 S. Hill St.; the Ram office, 7813 Beverly

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